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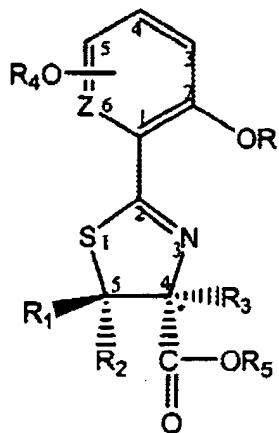
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(Amended) A compound of the formula:



wherein:

- $Z$  is CH or N;
- $R$  is H or acyl;
- $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  and  $R_5$  may be the same or different and represent H, alkyl or hydrocarbyl arylalkyl having up to 14 carbons atoms;
- $R_4$  is H or alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms with the proviso that:
- $R_4$  is alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms when
- $Z$  is CH,  $R_5$  is H and  $R_4O$  is attached to the carbon atom labelled 4; and

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that R<sub>5</sub> is H, when Z is CH, R, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are each H and

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R<sub>4</sub>O is attached to the carbon atom labelled 3; a salt thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable complex thereof.

claims 2 and 3 (original)

2. A compound of claim 1 wherein Z is N and R=R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>2</sub>=R<sub>3</sub>=R<sub>4</sub>=R<sub>5</sub>=H.

3. A compound of claim 1 wherein Z is CH, R=R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>2</sub>=R<sub>3</sub>=R<sub>5</sub>=H, and R<sub>4</sub> is alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms.

4. (Amended) A compound of claim 3 wherein R<sub>4</sub> is methyl[, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl or t-butyl].

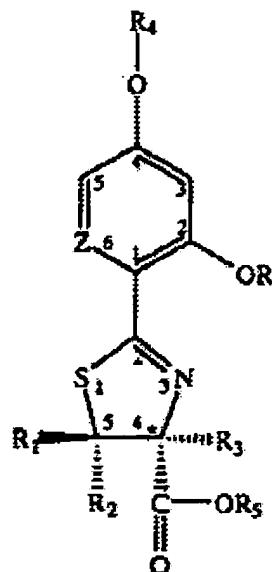
claim 5 (original)

5. A compound of claim 1 wherein Z is N, R=R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>2</sub>=R<sub>3</sub>=R<sub>5</sub>=H, and R<sub>4</sub> is alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms.

6. (Amended) A compound of claim 5 wherein R<sub>4</sub> is methyl[, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl or t-butyl].

claims 7 -9 (original)

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**7. A compound of claim 1 having the formula:****wherein:**

**Z, R, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> have the meanings ascribed thereto in claim 1;**

**a salt thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable complex thereof.**

**8. A compound of claim 7 wherein Z is N and R=R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>2</sub>=R<sub>3</sub>=R<sub>4</sub>=H.**

**9. A compound of claim 7 wherein Z is CH, R=R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>2</sub>=R<sub>3</sub>=R<sub>5</sub>=H, and R<sub>4</sub> is alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms.**

**10. (Thrice Amended) A compound of claim 9 wherein R<sub>4</sub> is methyl[, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl or t-butyl].**

claim 11 (original)

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**11. A compound of claim 7 wherein Z is N, R=R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>2</sub>=R<sub>3</sub>=H, and R<sub>4</sub> is alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms.**

12. (Amended) A compound of claim 11 wherein R<sub>4</sub> is methyl[, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl or t-butyl].

13. (Twice Amended) A compound of Claim [7] 1 wherein Z is CH, R=R<sub>4</sub>=R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>2</sub>=R<sub>5</sub>=H, and R<sub>3</sub> is alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms.

14. (Amended) A compound of claim [7] 1 wherein Z is CH, R=R<sub>4</sub>=R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>3</sub>=R<sub>5</sub>=H, and R<sub>2</sub> is alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms.

15. (Amended) A compound of claim [7] 1 wherein Z is CH, R=R<sub>4</sub>=R<sub>3</sub>=R<sub>2</sub>=R<sub>5</sub>=H, and R<sub>1</sub> is alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms.

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claims 16-19 (original)

**16. A compound of claim 7 wherein Z is N, R=R<sub>4</sub>=R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>2</sub>=R<sub>5</sub>=H, and R<sub>3</sub> is alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms.**

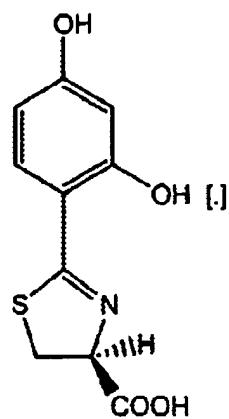
**17. A compound of claim 7 wherein Z is N, R=R<sub>4</sub>=R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>3</sub>=H, and R<sub>2</sub> is alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms.**

**18. A compound of claim 7 wherein Z is N, R=R<sub>4</sub>=R<sub>3</sub>=R<sub>2</sub>=H, and R<sub>1</sub> is alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms.**

**19. An optically pure compound of claim 1 or 7.**

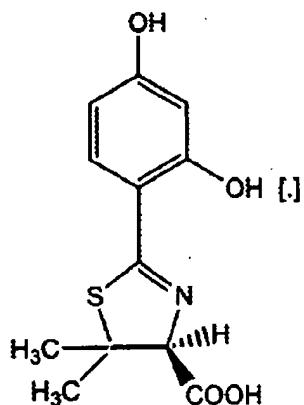
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20. (Twice Amended) An (S)-enantiomer compound [of claim 7] having the formula:



a salt thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable complex thereof.

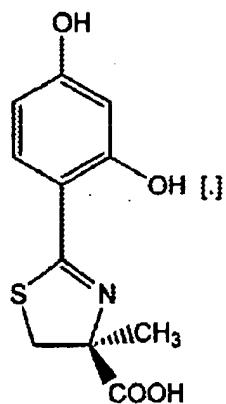
21. (Four Times Amended) An (S)-enantiomer compound [of claim 7] having the formula:



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a salt thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable complex thereof.

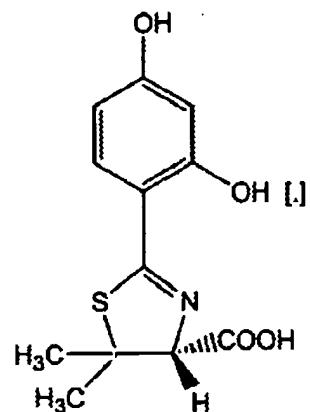
22. (Thrice Amended) An (S)-enantiomer compound [of claim 7] having the formula:



a salt thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable complex thereof.

claim 23 (cancelled)

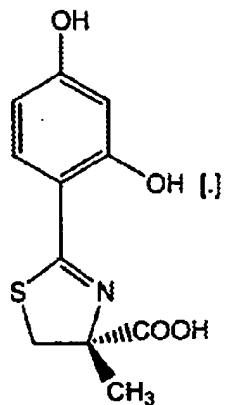
24. (Four Times Amended) An (R)-enantiomer compound [of claim 7] having the formula:



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a salt thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable complex thereof.

25. (Four Times Amended) An (R)-enantiomer compound [of claim 7] having the formula:



a salt thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable complex thereof.

claims 26-27 (original)

26. A pharmaceutical composition in unit dosage form for treating a pathological condition in a human or non-human animal that is associated with an excess of a trivalent metal, ion or compound thereof comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 or 7 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefor.

27. A method of preventing or treating a pathological condition in a human or non-human animal that is associated with an excess of a trivalent metal, ion or compound thereof comprising administering to said animal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 or 7.

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